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Become a *Naturalist at Heart* at the Falls of the Ohio

Do you think of yourself as a naturalist at heart? If so consider joining the *Naturalist at Heart* program at the Falls of the Ohio State Park. This exciting program was created to combine education and volunteering. Interested applicants are interviewed to establish mutual goals. Volunteer interests are matched with the needs of the park and its visitors.

Now in its fourth year, this program will be introduced to new participants on January 9 and 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Those unable to attend on either date can schedule an orientation. Participants will be offered 12 free classes relating to the natural and cultural history of the Falls of the Ohio. Lessons cover geology, biology, archaeology, history, interpretation, and more. Certification as a *Naturalist at Heart* is reached after 40 hours of lessons and 50 hours of volunteer time at the park. Last year, sixty volunteers reached level 1 Naturalists at Heart.

The following list of *Naturalist at Heart* programs are open to the public as well. They typically last three hours and are offered twice – Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. Speakers are park staff or invited experts.

Geology of the Falls, February 13 & 16
Archaeology at the Falls, Feb. 27 & Mar. 1
Fossils at the Falls, Mar. 12 & 15
Birds at the Falls, Mar. 26 & 29
Spring Wildflowers, Apr. 2 & 5
Fauna in the Ohio River, Apr. 23 & 26
History of the Falls, May 7 & 10
Tree Identification, May 28 & 31

If you would like to participate in this educational opportunity at the Falls of the Ohio State Park call 812-280-9970.